

Mid-term distraction

From Volunteers Exploring Vocation

This devotional is designed to be used about half-way through your term of service. Start by gathering a few items/artifacts that have inspired, comforted, or marked the first part of your service assignment. These could be anything from books, quotes, gifts, pictures, etc.

Scripture reading

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick.
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. —Isaiah 43:16-21

Reflection

Take a few minutes to reflect on the items you have brought with you to this devotional. Think about why you picked these, and why they are significant to you. They may represent expectations that have been met, or times that you needed additional encouragement or support. Take a moment to reflect on the work of the past few days or weeks, and refocus on the remaining days or weeks of your term.

Questions

- List the things that gave you energy or excited you over the past days or weeks.
- What things challenged or stretched you the most?
- In whom have you seen God during your service experience so far?
- What do you still hope to accomplish?

- Think of key words or phrases or encouragement you need to complete your assignment.
- How might you intentionally encourage others in the next few weeks?



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